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Buck Lake Road Reconstruction Project Nearing Completion

Ribbon Cutting Celebrates Accomplishments, Two-Way Traffic Restored



Leon County held a ribbon-cutting ceremony last Wednesday at the intersection of Buck Lake Road and Pedrick Road to celebrate the final components of the Buck Lake Road Reconstruction Project and the restoration of two-way traffic.

Two-way traffic was restored two months ahead of schedule, while final striping and finishing touches will be completed by the end of February to close Phase III of the project. The overall construction project will be completed a full ten months ahead of schedule.

The Buck Lake Road Reconstruction Project includes additions, such as turn lanes, bike lanes, sidewalks and wider lanes, resulting in a new section of multi-modal roadway that will improve traffic safety and reduce delays and congestion. The Pedrick Road intersection enhancements include left turn lanes on all approaches, a right turn lane eastbound and crosswalks with pedestrian signals.

The project, which focused on the area between Mahan Drive and Pedrick Road, also included enhanced signalization for both motorists and pedestrians. These additions will also improve the safety of the community, providing safe and convenient transportation choices to citizens, as well as increase opportunities for exercise and wellness.

For more information, contact Leon County Community and Media Relations, at (850) 606-5300 or cmr@leoncountyfl.gov.

The LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library System presents BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAMS

We Remember: Sketches from African Americans

Tuesday, February 7, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

African American Read-In

Sunday, February 12, from 3 - 4 p.m.

Main Library (downtown) - Program Rooms
200 W. Park Avenue, Tallahassee, FL 32301
(850) 606-2665 - www.LeonCountyLibrary.org

CONA, County, City Kick Off Neighborhood of the Year Program

The Council of Neighborhood Associations (CONA), Leon County and the City of Tallahassee recently launched their annual Neighborhood Recognition Program, which honors the accomplishments and the successes of great neighborhoods – the foundation of this growing community.



CONA President Christic Henry, Leon County Board of County Commissioners Vice-Chairman Nick Maddox and City of Tallahassee Mayor John Marks spoke at the joint kick-off news conference, which was held at the Woman's Club of Tallahassee where the Los Robles Neighborhood Association – a 2011 City of Tallahassee Small Neighborhood of the Year winner – hosted the event.

The County and City are also accepting nominations for their respective 2012 Neighbor of the Year. These individuals must have exemplified the characteristics of leadership and servitude in making contributions to his or her community.

Winners of the Neighborhood of the Year and Neighbor of the Year awards will be announced on Monday, May 14, 2012, at CONA's 32nd Annual Meeting & Awards Reception, where CONA will also present its annual Public Servant of the Year and Business Neighbor of the Year awards.

Applications and nomination forms are available online at www.LeonCountyFL.gov for the County, at www.Talgov.com for the City and at www.econa.org for CONA. For more information, please contact Leon County Community and Media Relations at (850) 606-5300 / cmr@leoncountyfl.gov.

County Collects Household Hazardous Waste, Electronics

Leon County is holding the next household hazardous waste and electronics collection on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Public Works Operations Center, 2280 Miccosukee Rd. It will be open to residents only; businesses must contact the Hazardous Waste Center to make an appointment.



Certain items may not be accepted. For more information, please contact the Leon County Solid Waste Management Division at (850) 606-1803. For the monthly schedule of dropoffs, visit www.LeonCountyFL.gov/HHW/collection.

The Hazardous Waste Center, located at 7550 Apalachee Parkway, is also open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., excluding holidays.

Sales Tax Committee Holds First Meeting

Leon County, City of Tallahassee and BLUEPRINT 2000 held the first meeting of the Leon County Sales Tax Committee



on Thursday, Jan. 26. This committee has been formed to collect input and make recommendations regarding public policy for the infrastructure sales tax issues within

Leon County. A Sales Tax Committee website has been created, www.LeonCountyFL.gov/SalesTax, where the committee's calendar and meeting agendas can be accessed. The committee will convene its next meeting on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 5 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Renaissance Center, 435 N. Macomb Street. For more information, please contact Cristina Paredes at (850) 606-5300 or SalesTaxInfo@leoncountyfl.gov.

February 2012 Board of County Commissioners Schedule

- 1 **Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Legislative Day, Tallahassee, FL**
- 3 **Mid-Season Legislative Dialogue Meeting**
7:30 a.m., County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- 8 **Commission Redevelopment Agency Meeting (CRA)**
2:30 p.m., City Hall, 300 S. Adams, 2nd Floor, Commission Chambers
- 14 **Board of County Commissioners Workshop on Stormwater & Solid Waste Non Ad Valorem Assessments and Transportation Taxes***
12 p.m., County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting***
3 p.m., County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing***
6 p.m., County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- 27 **Blueprint 2000 Intergovernmental Agency (IA)**
3 p.m., City Hall, 300 S. Adams, 2nd Floor, Commission Chambers
- 28 **Board of County Commissioners Workshop to Consider a Small Business Lending Program***
1:30 p.m., County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting***
3 p.m., County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers

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